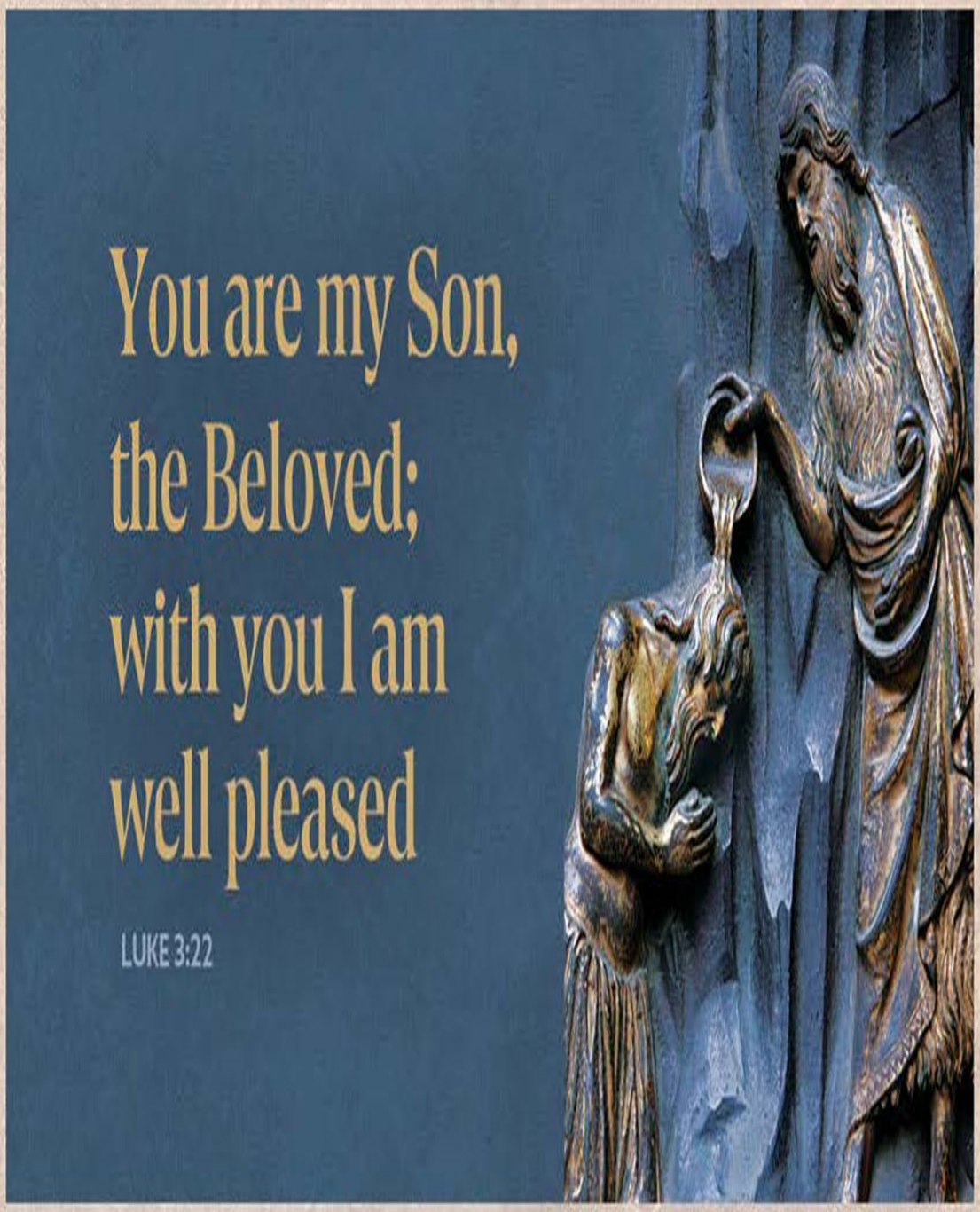

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
January 12, 2025 – Baptism of Our Lord

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation.

P: Let us pray.
Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
C: Amen.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:
C: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

P: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 445

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans-ing wa - ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!

Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise!

Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.

Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

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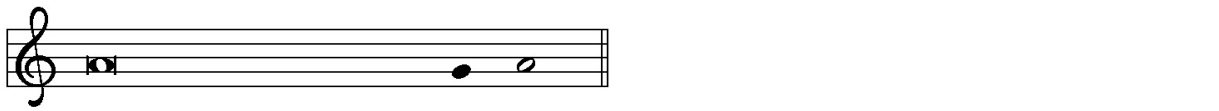
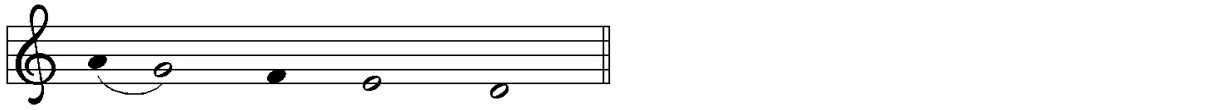
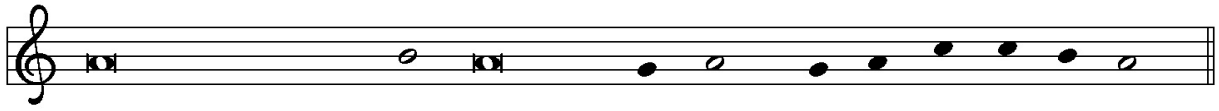


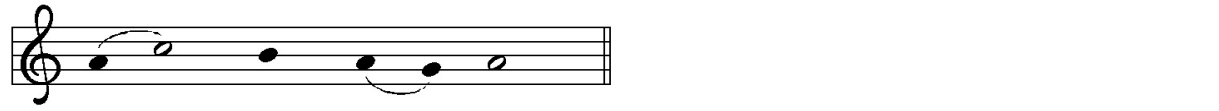
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

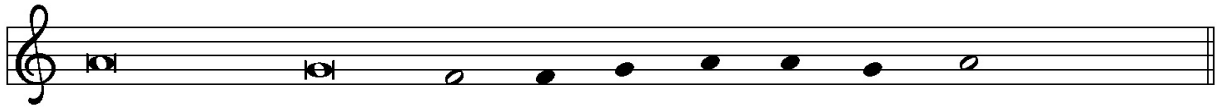


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

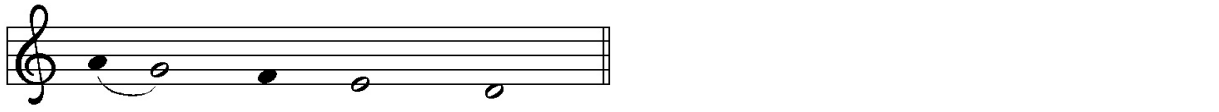


Lord, have mer - cy.

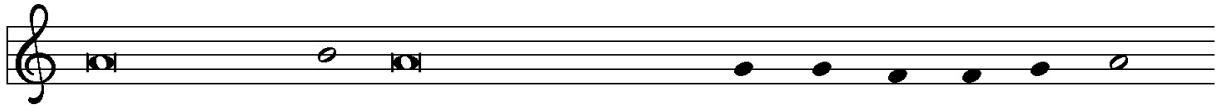
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



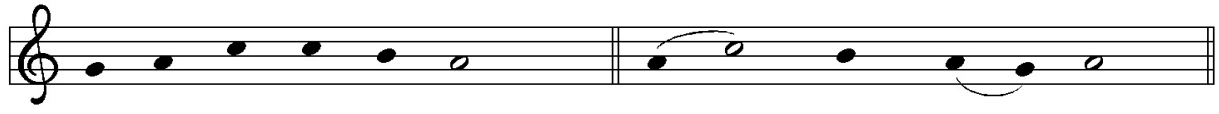
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

A: A reading from Isaiah.

[1] But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
[2] When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
[3] For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
[4] Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
[5] Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
[6] I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

[7] everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

P: [1] Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
C: [2] Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
P: [3] The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
C: [4] The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
P: [5] The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
C: [6] the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
P: [7] The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
C: [8] The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
P: [9] The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
C: [10] The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
P: [11] O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

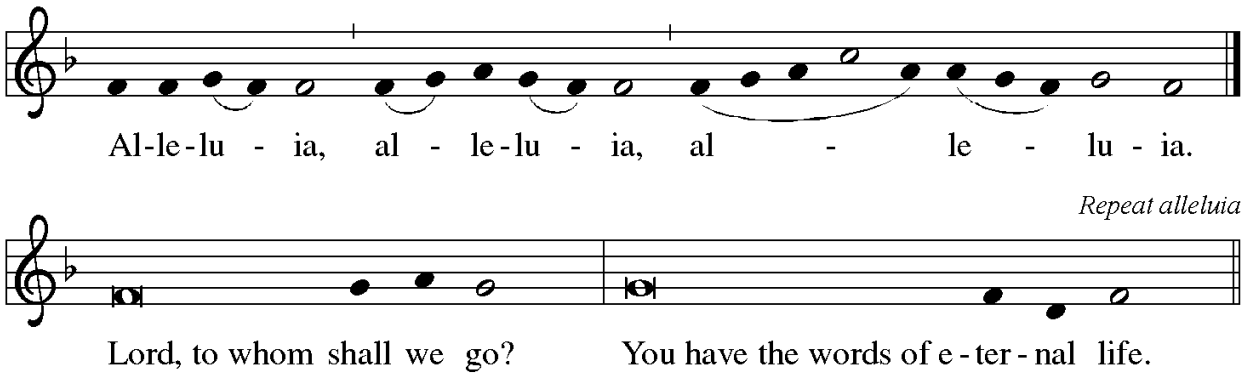
A: A reading from Acts.

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word
of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for
them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come
upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord
Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the
Holy Spirit.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their
hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all
of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than
I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his
threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will
burn with unquenchable fire."

21 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been
baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 459

"Wade in the Water"

Refrain
All
Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.
Leader
All
1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red,
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,
God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
Leader
wa - ter.
the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.
All
Refrain
God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans; Lakes Erie, Michigan, Huron, Ontario, and Superior. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for these waters, the Great Lakes Basin, and the creatures it nourishes. Be with all who face destruction in the wildfires of Los Angeles. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery especially John, Cora, Mary, Corky, Lynn, Charlie, Judy, Vicki, Linda, Ray, the friends and family of Amrette. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

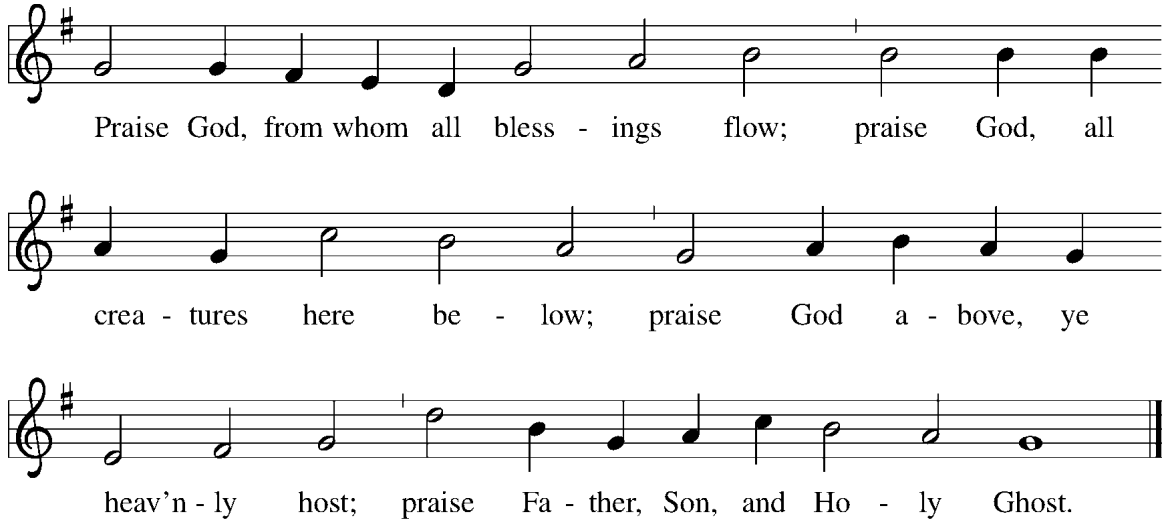
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

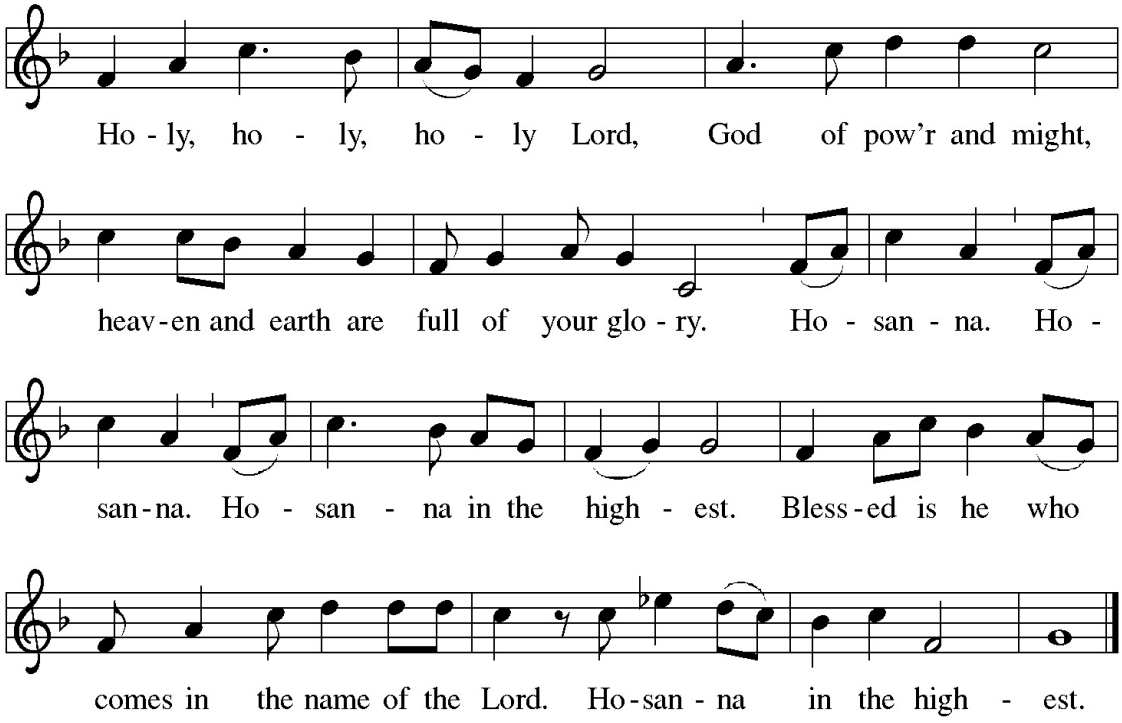
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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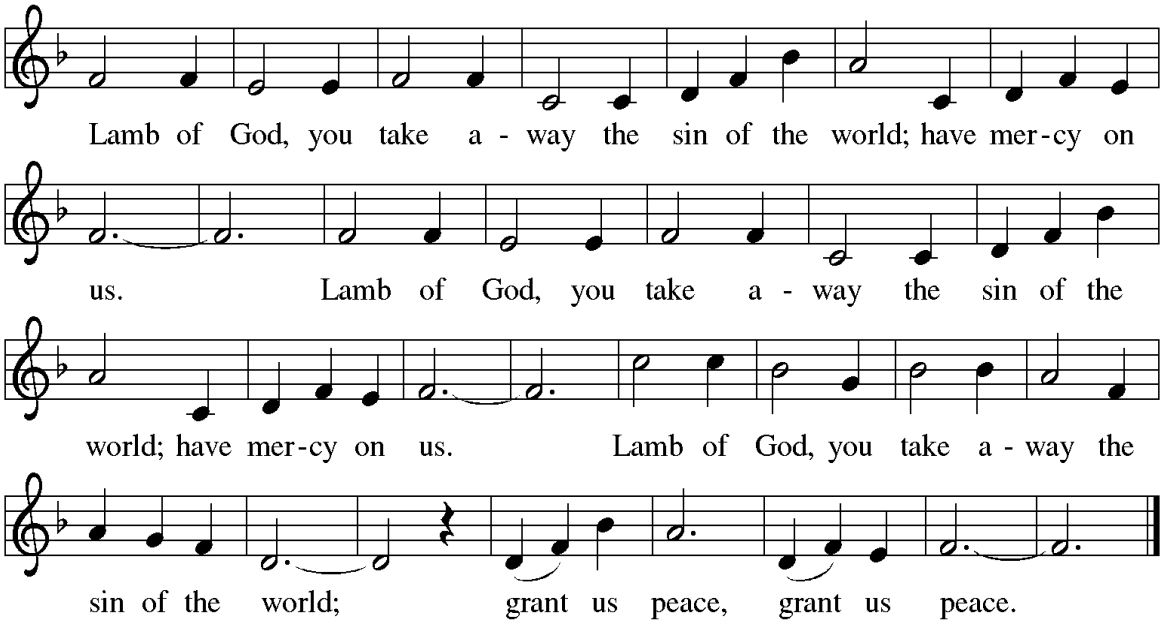
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 777

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
Music: Beach Spring, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
☩ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN — ELW 446

"I'm Going on a Journey"

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!
2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.
3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A-long the way
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

Text: Kenneth D. Larkin
Music: WET SAINTS, Edward V. Bonnemère, 1921–1996

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Let's Go Out to Eat!

The Membership Committee would like to invite you to a meal and conversation on Tuesday, January 21st at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. This is a social event for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd like to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

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This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

- **Handbell Choir 8:45am**
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 14

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am – 1:00pm
- Food Gatherers delivery approx. 1:00pm

Wednesday, January 15

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Quilting 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Thursday, January 16

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, January 17

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, January 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

- **Handbell Choir 8:45am**
- **Chancel Choir 9:30am**
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- Bethel Service 12:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Cora, Mary, Corky, Lynn, Charlie, Judy, Vicki, Linda, Ray, the friends and family of Amrette.

Assisting Ministers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

Links:

Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:

Interim Pastor..... Rev. Joshua Rinas
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister..... Monica Doerr

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